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Calafat

1. A border guard company and a training unit for border guard troops were located in the barracks installation in Calafat (R 23/24/A 10) until late October 1950. The installation, which consisted of one building about 70 meters in length, two others, each about 30 meters in length, and several annex buildings, was situated opposite the municipal hospital in the eastern part of the town. (1)
2. Having completed the construction of a railroad ferry in Calafat-Vidin (R 23/24/A 00) in mid-October 1950, a bridge construction unit was transferred to Râmnic Valcea (R 35/A 32). (2)
3. Three companies of the 31st Inf Regt in Turnu Severin (R 23/24/E 93) were stationed in Calafat at the end of November. The companies were quartered in a compartment of Calafat, on the road to Ciupercenii-Vechi (R 23/24/A 10). (3)

Cetate

4. Border guard troops of company strength were stationed in Cetate (R 23/24/A 22) at the end of November 1950.

Craiova

5. Men in Craiova who were due for induction in 1949, 1950, and 1951 were inducted in the fall of 1950. (4)

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Comments.

25X1A (1) A training center for troops of the Ministry of the Interior was observed in Calafat in May 1950. It is believed to be the barracks installation which quartered a training unit for border guard troops.

25X1A (2) The railroad ferry was completed in September 1950. It is probable that the I Bn of the 1st Engr Regt later returned to Râmnic Valcea.

25X1 (3) previously reported that the battalion of the 31st Inf Regt is stationed in Calafat.

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(4) In Rumania, the recruit classes are referred to as induction classes. For example, the 1950 class is the age group that is due for induction in 1950 under the Military Service Law. Since available information shows that Rumanians are drafted for military service at the age of 22, the 1950 induction class is equivalent to the 1923 birth class. The present report therefore indicates that the induction in the fall of 1950 affected contingents of the 1927 through 1929 classes. This information is doubted, however, because previous reports stated that the remainder of the 1927 class was inducted in the summer of 1950. It is not certain whether the present draft age in Rumania is still 22 years.

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